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Applicant : Rudolf Ritter  
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AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

By this amendment one additional independent claim has been added. A check in the amount of \$856.00 is enclosed to cover the RCE filing fee and the additional independent claim.

In response to the Office action of September 30, 2003, paper no. 4, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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